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PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR WORKSHOP TO IDENTIFY CRITICAL INFORMATION NEEDS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS DURING DISASTERS

The Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) announces the agenda for the April 13, 2018, public workshop to identify communications information needs of government and consumers to improve preparation and response efforts during crises.¹

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Overview

Justin Cain, Deputy Chief, Operations and Emergency Management Division, PSHSB

9:15 a.m. Opening Remarks

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai

9:30 a.m. Roundtable 1: Federal Information Requirements

Moderator: Jeff Goldthorp, Associate Bureau Chief, PSHSB

<u>Participants</u>

- Christopher Alexander, Deputy Chief of Priority Services, DHS Office of Emergency Communications
- Gregory Boren, Regional Emergency Communications Coordinator, FEMA Region VI
- Jarrett Devine, Regional Emergency Communications Coordinator, FEMA Region I
- Dr. Jeffrey Glick, Chief, Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Cybersecurity & Communications
- Scott Jackson, Office of Spectrum Management / Emergency Response Team, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

¹ See Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau Announces Workshop to Identify Critical Information Needs to Improve Communications During Disasters, *Public Notice*, DA 18-292 (rel. Mar. 23, 2018).

- Jeremy Johnson, Coordinator, Department of Homeland Security Office of Cybersecurity and Communications
- **John O'Connor**, Director, U.S. Department of Homeland Security National Coordinating Center for Communications
- Christopher Tuttle, Emergency Communications Coordinator, Region 2, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Roundtable 2: State/Local/Territorial Critical Information Requirements

Moderator: Justin Cain, Deputy Chief, Operations and Emergency Management Division, PSHSB

Participants

- Carlos Acevedo Caballero, Director, Puerto Rico Emergency Management Agency (by conference bridge)
- Gerald "Jay" English, Chief Technology Officer, APCO International
- Alexandria Fernández-Nevarro, Commissioner, Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board
- Danette McBride, Communications Engineer, Florida Department of Management Services (by conference bridge)
- Captain Robert J. Landolfi Jr., Chief Future Operations for Coast Guard Atlantic Area, United States Coast Guard
- Todd Spencer, Program Coordinator / Response, Texas Department of Public Safety
- Sandra E. Torres-López, Chairwoman, Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board

11:45 a.m. Lunch Break

12:30 p.m. Roundtable 3: Consumer Information Requirements

Co-Moderators: Lauren Kravetz, Chief of Staff, PSHSB

Jeff Goldthorp, Associate Chief, PSHSB

Justin Cain, Deputy Chief, Operations and Emergency Mgt, PSHSB

<u>Participants</u>

- Cristina Martin Firvida, Director of Financial Security and Consumer Affairs, AARP
- **Lisa Montalvo**, President, Latino Deaf and Hard of Hearing Association in Metropolitan Area of DC
- Howard Rosenblum, CEO, National Association of the Deaf

- **Dr. Carmen Delia Sánchez Salgado**, Puerto Rico Ombudsman for the Elderly (by conference bridge)
- Tony Stephens, Director of Advocacy & Governmental Affairs, the American Council of the Blind
- Mace Thornton, Executive Director of Communications, American Farm Bureau Federation

2:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Lisa Fowlkes, Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

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For additional information about the workshop, please contact Justin Cain of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau at (202) 418-2924 or <u>Justin.Cain@fcc.gov</u>.